

The DragonFlyer



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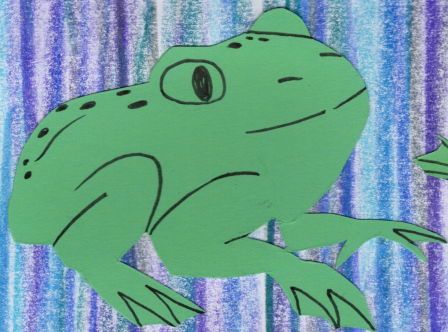
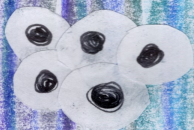
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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

This issue zero is a prototype for what we hope could be a quarterly zine, but we need contributors like you! Unsure what a “zine” is or how to contribute? We will explain it all at our first zine crafting event! Follow us on Instagram to get notified when it will happen.

Otherwise email any contributions to us at: info@ottawatranslibrary.ca. Submissions can be art, poetry, short writing, etc. The format should be half letter (4.25” x 5.5”) per page.

SHOW ME



A PERMANENT FORM OF THE SELF



the stars in the skies

the fish in the sea

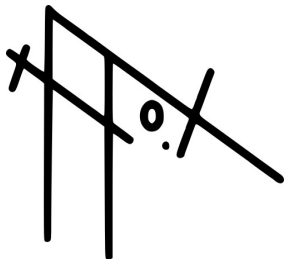
the flowers in the dirt

community is the magic that connects us all

let us prioritize the outstretched hand and

worship the smile of strangers

the cultivation of friendship
yields a joyous harvest!



Means of slur deconstruction and/or reclamation through reduction into symbol

1. Take the hateful statement or slur and write it out
2. Remove all repeated letters and vowels
3. Break the letters into lines and represent each, incorporating into a symbol that reduces the shapes to their core aspects
4. Breathe deeply and focus your pain into the symbol- screaming, yelling, crying, whatever you need
5. Destroy and cast away the sigil- ideas include spitting on, tearing up, burning, burying, drowning in water- whatever satisfies and helps you forget and rid of its power
6. Congratulations, you've now deconstructed and disarmed the attack- ground it down under your own will- you're free, for now

Note: This can go an opposite direction with this process and do similar- but care for and embrace it, adorn it on yourself, give it a fond recalamation. Steps and specifics about usage of similar methods in this direction in addition to using sigils for affirmation and gender euphoric purposes outside this sort will be detailed in future additions.

Babies!

I'm not like other dads

When my kid was born I went to all

the classes to be a good dad, I talked to the

other dads about kids and somehow we never

quite connected. I guess they didn't have dreams

where they were pregnant and then wake up

sad that it could never happen.

Weird

Post Wardrobe Cleanse

**In a world with
so much new,
And a wardrobe
to renew,
Finding comfort
you pursue,
All The Thrift
Stores you
Went Thru,
To reveal the
real you.**



Big Feelings

Things later

Don't be mean
Stop threatening!!
No shooting!!
Don't bomb, oh my god!!!

People are
so nice
why don't ppl
care
why are
they
so mean?

But I love everyone
why don't they
love me back?

Please...

I need
help
but everyone
else needs
help...

I have dysphoria
I don't have time
for hate

Why can't we all
live together?

Why is anyone homophobic?

STOP!

No.



Reflections on allyship:

Do you feel like you need
credit for your activism?
Why?



What space should you hold?



What/how much power do you
have? Is it too much/too
little?

How can you be useful?

